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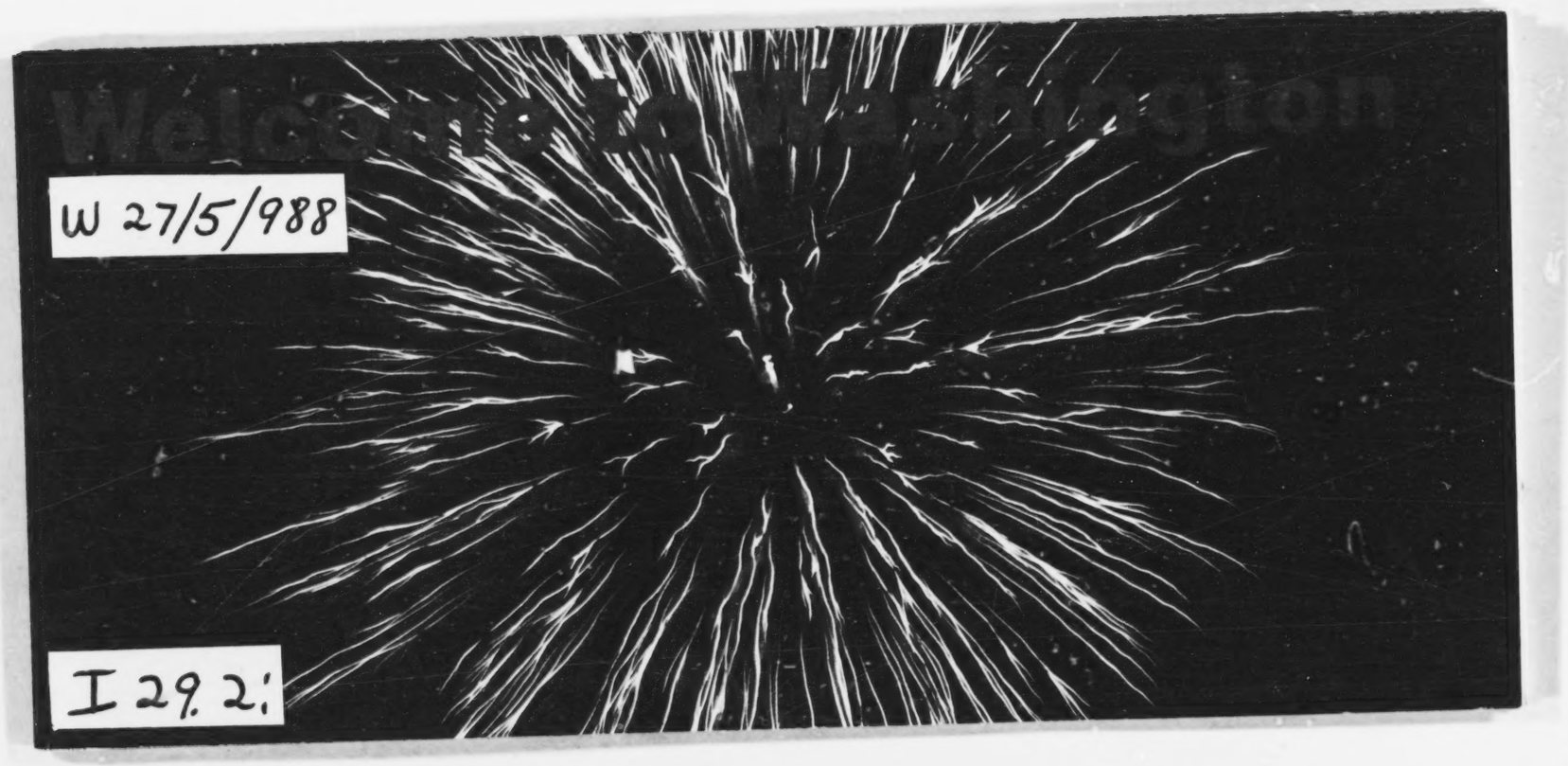

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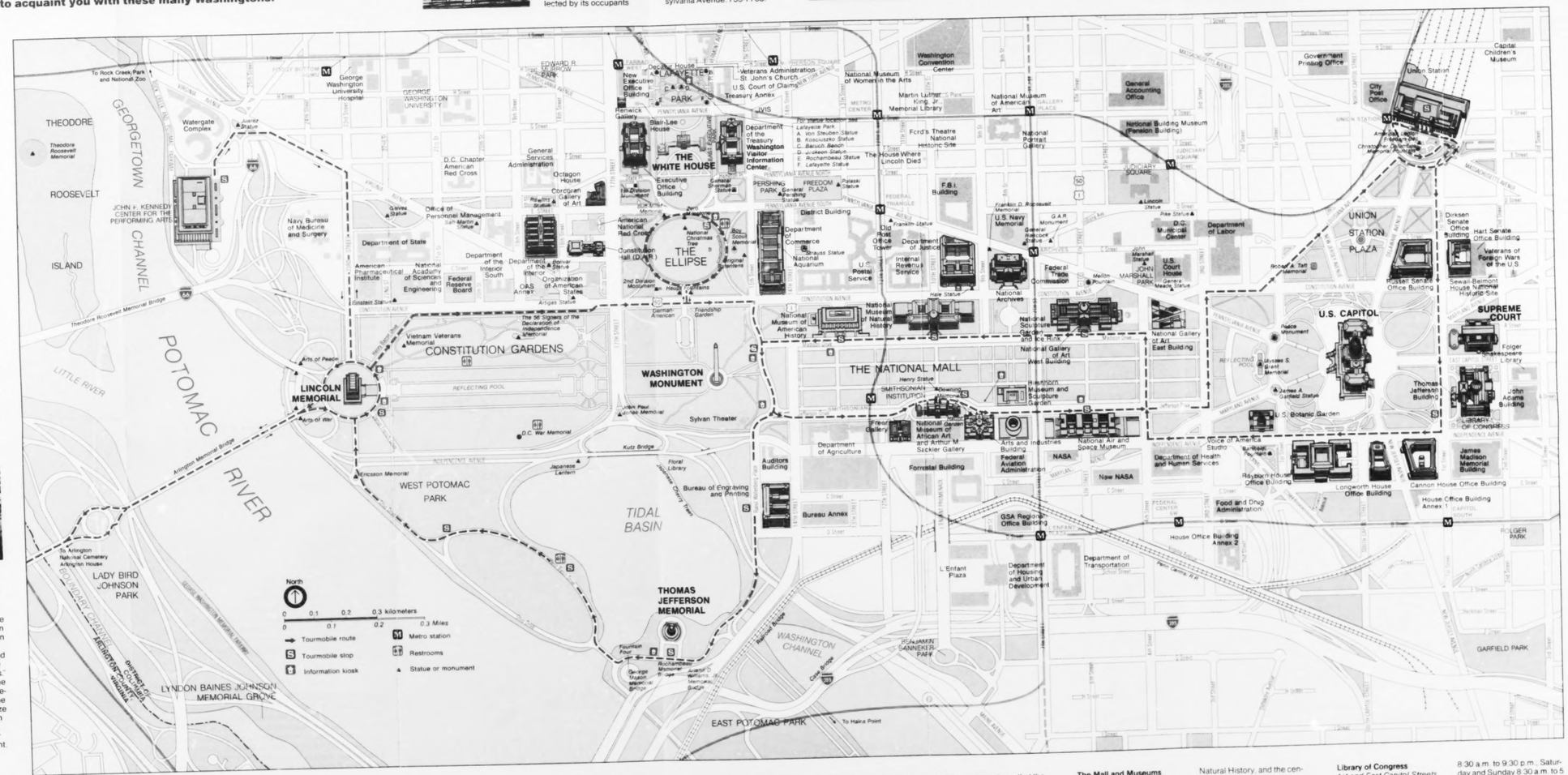

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Antietam National Battlefield Site, Maryland
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Catoctin Mountain Park, Maryland
You may fish, swim, boat, camp, hike, and picnic at Catoctin Mountain Park or at adjoining Cunningham Falls State Park, 65 miles north of Washington on U.S. 15. Campgrounds have restrooms, fireplaces, tables, and trailer parking; trailers more than 22 feet prohibited. Open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily with extended summer hours. 301-663-9330.

C&O Canal National Historical Park, D.C. and Maryland
The historic Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, projected to link the tidewater with the Ohio Valley, runs parallel to the Potomac River beginning in Georgetown. The 184-mile-long towpath is ideal for biking, hiking, and horseback riding. For information on the mule-drawn barge trips, go to the visitor center in the Foundry Building on the canal between Thomas Jefferson and 30th Streets. Open dawn to dark daily. (See also Great Falls, Maryland. 301-739-4200.

Clara Barton National Historic Site, Maryland
Built in 1892 at 5801 Oxford Road in Glen Echo, Md., this building was intended for Red Cross storage, but it became home for Clara Barton and headquarters of the American Red Cross in 1897. Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. 492-6246.

Eisenhower National Historic Site, Pennsylvania
This farm, adjacent to Gettysburg Battlefield, was the retirement home of President and Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower. Visits are by reservation and by shuttlebus, for which there is a charge, from the Gettysburg National Military Park Visitor Center. Open daily 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Mondays and Tuesdays from Thanksgiving to April 1. 717-334-1124.

Fort McHenry, Maryland
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Fort Washington, Maryland
This massive 19th-century fort south of Washington was built to protect the capital city. Interpreters in period dress lead tours. Use exit 3 south from the Capital Beltway (I-95) onto Md. 210 (Indian Head Highway) to Fort Washington Road. Open daily 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in winter, 9 a.m. to dark in summer. 763-4600.

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Glen Echo Park, Maryland
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Great Falls Park, Virginia
Excellent views of the cascading Potomac can be seen here. The park has a snack bar, restrooms, visitor center, picnic facilities, and hiking trails. Fishing is permitted, but swimming and wading are prohibited. The park is about 15 miles from Washington at 9200 Old Dominion Drive. Open dawn to dusk daily. 285-2965.

Greenbelt Park, Maryland
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Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, West Virginia
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Mount Vernon, Virginia
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National Aquarium in Baltimore, Maryland
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This turn-of-the-century working farm in Oxon Hill is especially appealing to children. Take the Capital Beltway (I-95) to exit 3 south; directly at the end of the ramp is Oxon Hill Road. The farm is open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily. 839-1177.

Prince William Forest Park, Virginia
Prince William, 35 miles south of Washington, has picnic sites, a family and group tent campground, a trailer campground complete with water, restrooms, grills, and picnic tables, and backpacking in the Chopawamsic Backcountry Area. Group tent and cabin camping is available by reservation only. Hiking trails and fire roads invite hikers, cyclists, and crosscountry skiers to enjoy the scenery and wildlife of the eastern deciduous Piedmont forest. Open dawn to dark daily. 703-221-7181.

Rock Creek Park, District of Columbia
Established in 1890, Rock Creek Park offers 29 miles of hiking trails, 11 miles of bridle trails, horse rentals, tennis courts, athletic fields, and dozens of picnic areas. The Rock Creek Nature Center gives guided nature walks daily and has nature exhibits and planetarium shows. Demonstrations at Pierce Mill illustrate the working of a 19th-century gristmill. The Art Barn, adjacent to the mill, houses exhibits by local artists. And in Georgetown, tours are given of the Old Stone House, the oldest dwelling in Washington. Open daily. 426-6829.

Shenandoah National Park, Virginia
Skyline Drive threads for 105 miles through Shenandoah, the closest national park to Washington, and provides magnificent vistas from the Blue Ridge. The park has four campgrounds with 700 campsites, mountain cottages, and lodges, fishing, horse rentals, picnic spots, 94 miles of the Appalachian Trail, and 200 miles of park trails. The park is about 80 miles southwest of Washington and may be reached via I-66 and U.S. 340 or via I-66 and U.S. 211. Open daily with museum hours 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 703-999-2266.

Wolf Trap Farm Park for the Performing Arts, Virginia
Opera, ballet, jazz, pop, symphony orchestra, musical theater, and modern and folk dance are performed in the Filene Center during the summer. Children's programs are performed in the Theater-in-the-Woods. Ticket information: 255-1868. Open daily. 255-1800.

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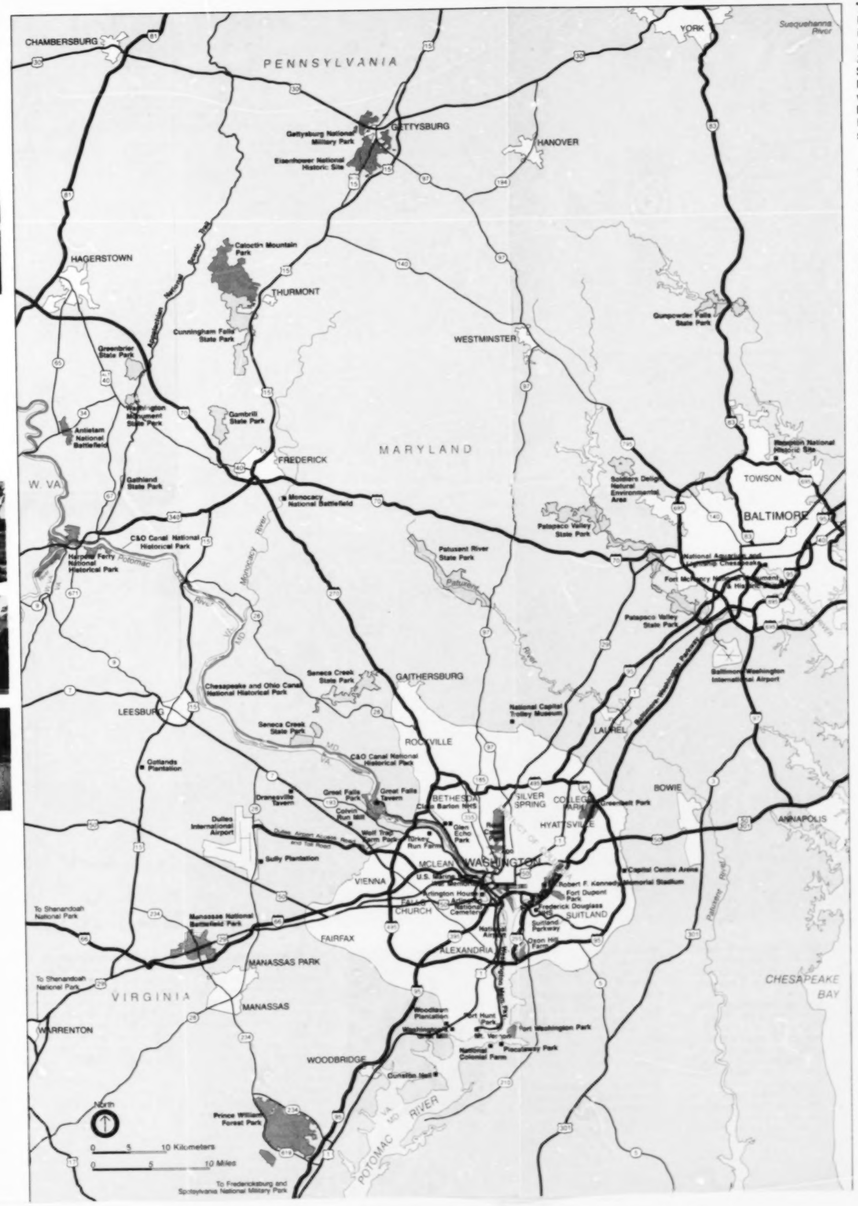

Floral Displays
Massive seasonal displays of flowers, planted and maintained by the National Park Service, can be found throughout the city during most of the year. A favorite is the Floral Library, created in 1969, near the Tidal Basin at Independence Avenue and East Basin Drive. Other sites include Pershing Square, Lafayette Square, Fountain Four at the entrance to East Potomac Park, the west bank of the Potomac, which has plantings of more than one million daffodils, and Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens located at Anacostia Avenue and Douglas Street, NE.

Tourmobile Sightseeing Services
Parking in downtown Washington is difficult, and searching for a parking space can be frustrating. To complement the public transportation system, the National Park Service provides the concessioner-operated Tourmobile Service that stops at all major points of interest on the Mall and Capitol Hill and at Arlington Cemetery. Rates vary with unlimited reboarding privileges. Tickets can be purchased as you board. Service to Frederick Douglass Home and Mount Vernon is available only during the summer. 554-7950.

Visitor Information
The **Washington Convention and Visitors Association,** 1575 I Street, NW, has current information for travelers. The association operates the Washington Visitor Information Center at 1455 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. 789-7000.
Dial-A-Park gives recorded information on current park activities and events in the Washington area. 485-PARK.
Kiosk, a monthly calendar of park events, is available at most park sites.
Metrobus and subway schedules are available. 637-7000.
International Visitors Information Service (IVIS), 733 15th Street, NW, is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. 783-6540.
Traveler's Aid Society. 347-0101.
Handicapped Visitors. For information on tours for individuals with disabilities call 426-6770 (voice) or 472-5764 (TTY).
Emergency Help. Police: 911. U.S. Park Police: 426-6600.
USO. 783-8117.

Camping
Tent camping and trailer facilities are available at: Assateague Island National Seashore, Maryland and Virginia, 301-641-1441; Catoctin Mountain Park, Thurmont, Maryland, 301-663-9330; Greenbelt Park, Greenbelt, Maryland, 344-3948; C&O Canal, 301-739-4200; Prince William Forest Park, Triangle, Virginia, 703-221-7181 (tents) or 703-221-2474 (trailers).

Picnic Areas
Picnic areas are available at: East and West Potomac Parks, East and West Ohio Drive, SW, no reservations necessary; Anacostia Park, between South Capitol Street and Benning Road, SE, no reservations necessary; Fort Dupont Park, Minnesota Avenue and Randle Circle, SE, for reservations call 673-7646; Rock Creek Park, north of the Zoo and west of 16th Street, NW, for reservations call 673-7646; Fort Hunt, George Washington Memorial Parkway, Virginia, for reservations call 285-2601; Fort Washington, Maryland, for reservations call 433-1190; Greenbelt Park, Maryland, for reservations call 344-3948; C&O Canal, Carderock, Maryland, for reservations call 299-3613.

Recreation and Sports
Ice Skating: 9th and Madison Drive, NW., winter only, 11:15 a.m. to 9:15 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9:15 a.m. to 10:05 p.m. weekends and holidays. 347-9041. Fort Dupont Park, 37th and Ely Place, SE, year-round on an indoor rink, 12:30 to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday, 3 to 10 p.m. weekends and holidays. 581-0199.
Golf: East Potomac Park, Hains Point, SW. 863-9007. Langston Park, 25th and Benning Road, NE. 397-8638. Rock Creek Park, 16th and Rittenhouse Streets, NW. 723-9832.
Horseback Riding: Rock Creek Horse Center, Military Road, NW. 362-0117.
Tennis: There are about 150 public courts, which are free, on a first-come, first-served basis. Most of these are run by the D.C. Department of Recreation, 3149 16th Street, NW. 673-7646. East Potomac Courts, Hains Point between Park Service headquarters and 14th Street Bridge, SW, open 9 a.m. to dark. 554-5962. Anacostia Park, between 11th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue Bridge, SE. 767-7345. Pierce Mill Courts, Rock Creek Park at Park Road, NW. 723-2669.

A note on telephone numbers: Seven-digit numbers are local calls in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. Numbers with area codes are long distance.

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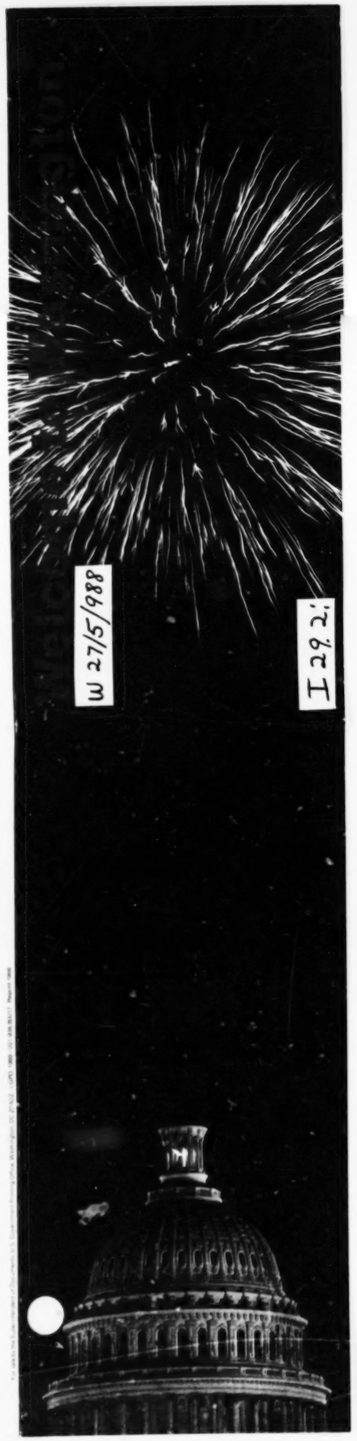

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